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R.C.M.P. return Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa artifact

A historical painted buffalo skin has been returned by the R.C.M.P. to the Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa in a recent ceremony presided over by federal Solicitor General Herb Gray and Chief Roy Fox.

The painted buffalo robe dates from the 1880s and depicts significant deeds from the early life of Chief Crop Eared Wolf. Chief Crop Eared Wolf was a prominent leader of the Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa and exemplified the tribe's values and leadership principles. The R.C.M.P. has been custodian of the robe since 1945 when it was donated by a private citizen to the R.C.M.P. Museum which stands on the grounds of the Force's Training Academy in Regina.

"This artifact is part of the heritage of the people of the Blood Tribe and I am happy to see it returning to its proper home," said Mr. Gray. "The return of the artifact also serves to strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding between the Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa and the R.C.M.P. that have existed since the signing of Treaty 7 in 1877."

"The Chief's robe recounts in pictorial form his life's achievements and thereby forms a part of the tribe's historical record properly belonging to

the tribe," stated Chief Fox. "Chief Crop Eared Wolf saw the Kainaiwa through a particularly difficult time in their history and today's generations continue to enjoy the benefits of his wisdom, commitment and tenacity."

"This exchange affords the R.C.M.P. a unique opportunity to celebrate our historic relationship with the Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa that has been based on mutual respect and co-operation," said Commissioner Murray. "In concrete recognition of this request, we are proud to return this important cultural artifact to the Blood People and are honoured to receive a replica to remind us of our long-standing association."

The Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa are providing the R.C.M.P. with a replica of the robe made by a Blood artisan. The replica will be used to teach R.C.M.P. cadets and members of the public about the culture and heritage of the Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa and the tribe's historical relationship with the R.C.M.P.

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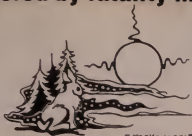
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Dr. Paul Korn, a pediatrician at the British Columbia Children's Hospital, said though the



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Alberta Health says the outcome (no blame laid) of the inquiry doesn't necessarily mean that

"This was an opportune time for government to seize the moment to clear the air," said Chin Large. "A public inquiry would have shed some light on the many problems facing Aboriginal people when it comes to adequate health care. We will stay on top of this issue and see whether or not we can change the minds of those involved. If a public inquiry is held I am certain that different conclusions will be forthcoming."

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Viewpoint

Closure needed on Aboriginal rights issues

by Art Babych

Another "summer of discontent" involving Native protesters has passed, reminding Canadians once again of the need for closure on Aboriginal rights issues.

One can convincingly argue that much of this summer's trouble was caused by small groups of law-breakers who lacked the support of the national Aboriginal leadership, local band councils and many people in their own communities.

Certainly there was nothing noble in the criminal acts of defiance across the country which only served to drive a wedge between Natives and non-Natives.

But if there is anything positive in the "Indian summer" it is that it focused attention once again on the need for a resolution to long-standing issues involving Canada's Aboriginal people.

Unfortunately, Canada's handling of the problem continues to be an embarrassment in international circles. In June, for example, a team of church leaders from the World Council of Churches arrived in Canada to investigate the injustices suffered by the Lubicon Cree of Northern Alberta. They went away to tell the world that the way the Lubicon were being treated was tantamount to violence.

The delegation pointed out it has been almost 60 years since the Lubicon were promised a reserve. During that time there has been "continued exploitation" of natural resources, said one of the bishops. There is still no indication of when the issue might be resolved as the federal government proceeds at a snail's pace in negotiations.

Before he left office, former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney met with Pope John Paul II in Rome. Afterward, Mulroney said he confessed to the pope, "I and the provinces haven't gone far enough in trying to eliminate the pain and misery of Native people." Little has changed since then.

True, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, perhaps the most costly in the history of the country—estimated at \$43 million—has been studying the issue. But governments have yet to convince Canadians that royal commissions are



anything but attempts to stall for time under the guise of wanting public input.

Indeed, Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin himself appears to have little faith in the commission's future recommendations as he continues to ignore the national Aboriginal leadership and negotiates Native rights on a piecemeal basis with local leaders.

Even Irwin's own appointed Fact Finder, Alvin Hamilton, a former Justice of Court of Queen's Bench, criticized the current government in a report released September 14.

"A sense of paternalism continues to permeate the (government's) policy and to poison relations between Canada and Aboriginal people," says Hamilton.

It is long past the time for Canada to get serious about making good on its treaty promises. *Continued on Page 19*



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Cost sharing agreement reached for Nisga'a

An agreement has been reached in the approach to sharing the costs of the Nisga'a treaty negotiations in B.C. The deal, involving the federal and B.C. governments, paves the way for the province to return to the bargaining table. The province had suspended the talks in July when the two governments couldn't agree on how to implement the cost-sharing agreement of 1993. The two parties have agreed to fast-track the detailed technical work needed to implement the Memorandum of Understanding on cost-sharing. B.C.'s Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, John Cashore, said "I want to extend my appreciation to the Nisga'a for their patience and understanding while this matter was being resolved."

Federal representative named for Ipperwash negotiations

A former justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Robert F. Reid, has been named as the federal representative to help resolve the issues surrounding the return of Camp Ipperwash to the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin and Defence Minister David Collette said it's hoped the government will be able to return the land to the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation as soon as possible taking into account environmental and safety factors. The ministers said Reid's credentials include extensive experience in alternate dispute resolution, including disputes between First Nations and the federal government, through his work on the Indian Specific Claims Commission.

Manitoba Natives move closer to self-government

Manitoba's Indians have taken another step closer to Aboriginal self-government with the selection of 10 people who will work for the next two years within the federal government. The five women and five men were selected by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs from among over 100 applicants. They will be preparing for Aboriginal self-government by studying the structures, procedures and workings of government. After the two-year period is over, the 10 will return to the AMC and First Nations Communities in Manitoba as participants in developing Aboriginal self-government in the province.



Chief federal negotiator for Kanesatake named

Montreal lawyer Eric Malloff has been appointed as the chief federal negotiator for Kanesatake. His task will be to represent the federal government in talks with the Mohawks of Kanesatake over the establishment of a land base, a self-government arrangement with the Mohawks and other issues outlined by the two parties in December of 1994. The two parties have been trying to resolve grievances by the Mohawks since 1990. The government said the purchase of properties to build an "adequate" land base for the Kanesatake Mohawks is progressing rapidly. The investments to date exceed \$10 million. As well, an interim Housing Management Board was established to allocate the properties acquired by the federal government to Kanesatake community members.

Ottawa pays final share of costs re: Oka crisis

The federal government says it will pay Quebec about \$45.3 million as the remaining share of its costs in the 1990 Oka crisis. In December of 1990, the Quebec government asked for financial assistance to cover costs related to the Oka dispute, then estimated at \$129.5 million. The federal government paid an instalment of \$5.3 million in July 1992. Last September, Quebec's bill was trimmed to \$108 million. The federal auditor general was asked to review the expenses and Quebec's claim, coming up with the \$45.3 million figure as the remaining amount to be paid. "I feel the auditor general has presented us with a fair solution," said Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Marcel Masse.

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Ontario Natives present summons to Prime Minister

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The First Nations of Turtle Island have issued a summons to Prime Minister Jean Chretien to appear before Ontario Chiefs' International Court of Justice for "Crown breaches of international law and constitutionally protected treaty and Aboriginal rights."

About a dozen Natives led by Ontario Regional Chief Gordon Peters presented the summons to an aide to Chretien outside the PM's Langevin Block office in Ottawa on September 27.

Peters said Chretien was being called to respond to charges that the government has "unjustifiably violated" treaty agreements.

The government's track record "is not something we would give passing grades," he said.

A statement issued to reporters declared that Chretien "will be formally charged for violating and interfering with First Nations laws, jurisdictions, customs and traditions through the arbitrary imposition of Canadian laws on First Nations communities and peoples."

He told reporters that the federal government had never been given a mandate by the Ontario chiefs to deal with the administration of Aboriginal issues.

"First Nations have never surrendered their right or ability to govern themselves, their nationhood or their rights of self-determination in the full international sense," the statement said.

Employment equity complaints settled

Representatives of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and senior federal government officials met in Ottawa recently to sign the settlements of employment equity complaints against the National Library of Canada and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The AMC filed complaints against thirty government departments and agencies alleging under-representation of Aboriginal people in their work force. The complaints against the Library and Veterans Affairs are the first to be settled.

As part of the settlement, the Library will continue with its training programs to help Aboriginal people qualify for employment as library science professionals. It will also work toward improving the representation of Aboriginal persons throughout its workforce.

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The First Nations-sponsored international tribunal is to be held in Ottawa from April 2-4, 1996.

"Our court will be just as fair as the Supreme Court of Canada," said Peters.

The first issue to be dealt with by the court is the question "When and where did Canada believe it acquired jurisdiction over First Nations including the power or authority to tax citizens of the First Nations?"

Chief Billy Two Rivers said that by presenting the summons the Natives were "giving a strong message from our youth that we will no longer tolerate the government's position."

The Aboriginal court maintains that the treaty rights of First Nations are recognized and affirmed in Canada's Constitution and are legally enforceable.

"The Canadian courts are those of the oppressor and are used to justify and sanction the past and ongoing theft of our lands and resources."

Peters said Natives often cannot use their documents in non-Aboriginal courts, but that they are able to do so in their own Aboriginal court.



Veterans Affairs has adopted an employment equity plan in order to recruit and keep Aboriginal people in its workforce.

For the next five years, both the Library and Veterans Affairs will report on the progress of the employment equity programs to the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The Library and Veterans Affairs have agreed to consult the AMC and other Aboriginal groups should they have problems recruiting and maintaining new employees.

"These settlements are an example of the progress that can be achieved when the various parties work together," said Maxwell Yalden, chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. "We think it bodes well for the eventual settlement of other employment equity complaints against federal departments."

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Edmonton City Police host town meeting

by Suzanne Batten

A town meeting was held in the Canadian Native Friendship Centre's auditorium in Edmonton on October 2. It was an open community event hosted by the Edmonton City Police Commission, the purpose of which was to provide an opportunity for urban Natives to communicate on a personal level with the city's police force and its senior officers.

Elder Alfred Bonaise began the meeting with an opening prayer and the burning of sweetgrass. The Police Commission Chairman, Tony Mandamin,

himself a Native, defined the Commission as servers of the city, servers of the people. He added that the Police Service needs to foster stronger involvement in specific community needs, among them those of the Aboriginal residents. A large percentage of urban Natives fall within the jurisdiction of the downtown division, where several specialized Aboriginal programs have already been implemented.

Other officials of the police committee came forward, outlining the success of the current programs. An addiction recovery plan in conjunction with Poundmaker's Lodge comprises a live-in treatment program which supplies counselling geared specifically toward city-dwelling Natives. Four Native liaison officers, whose focus is to be sensitive to local Aboriginal issues, were assigned to the downtown division. Also, a special file was created for Aboriginal personal crises and assessment, so they can be dealt with separately from other police business.

The force has also sent downtown officers to Native Culture Awareness sessions to sensitize them to the issues. Currently, an exchange program for city officers and reserve police is being implemented.

"Natives Helping Natives" is another successful program. In conjunction with Alberta Family and Social Services, it was established to assist families with social difficulties. Native Elders from within the community counsel families who are experiencing a crisis situation, with a goal of bettering their quality of life.

The Aboriginal Job Development Program is another fulfilling venture, which draws more Natives to train and work as uniformed constables in the city police force. Since August of 1992, many Native applicants have not met the requirements and standards in the field of urban law enforcement, so the force's Human Resources Department developed this program to upgrade the skills of applicants and provide job knowledge needed to successfully complete the job training courses. Chairman Mandamin said that most Natives planning to enter law enforcement plan to enter the R.C.M.P. or the Aboriginal police service, rather than the city police. The City Police Commission is changing that focus with this program, he added.

The commission concluded with its commitment to the Aboriginal community, and a desire for strong relations with Aboriginals through social contacts and activities. Current programs are being expanded and some new programs are being formulated including a Native women's abuse program. The downtown division also sees a need for a Native victim abuse service, a Native youth drug and alcohol treatment centre, and a plan to assist Native children who live in dysfunctional environments.

Community Natives were encouraged to work with the police force as a partnership. Native volunteers are an integral part of dealing with Native issues and crises erupting from a law-involving situation, and more were encouraged to get involved. Together, Native community members and the police force can better serve the city and find new solutions to urban Aboriginal problems.



Blood Tribal Police Service formally established

An agreement formally establishing the Blood Tribal Police Service was signed recently by federal Solicitor General Herb Gray, Alberta Justice Minister Brian Evans and Chief Roy Fox of the Blood Tribe/Kainaiwa.

Under the agreement, the Blood Tribe Police Service assumes responsibility for providing policing services to the 6,200 people of the Blood Reserve in southern Alberta. The service consists of 19 Aboriginal officers including a Chief of Police and Deputy Chief.

The community has also established the Blood Tribe Police Commission, made up of community members and Band Council representatives. The Commission has responsibility for the management of the Blood Tribal Police Service and works with them to set policing priorities, develop policies and procedures and help improve police-community accountability.

The federal government will pay 52 percent and the provincial government 48 percent of the government contribution toward the cost of the police service.

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Treaty 8 Chiefs withdraw from B.C. treaty talks

The Chiefs of the Treaty 8 Tribal Association of British Columbia have officially announced their withdrawal from the British Columbia Treaty Commission process. The Fort St. John based organization of seven Northeast B.C. First Nations gave broken government promises as their reason for pulling out of the treaty negotiations.

The Chiefs also accused the Commission of neglecting its official role as "keeper of the process." The Commission's role, and the principles for the negotiation process as a whole, were based on the nineteen recommendations of the 1991 British Columbia Claims Task Force which were formally accepted by Canada and British Columbia.

Tribal Chief Judy Maas said the province has violated the Task Force's second main recommendation that each of the parties be at liberty to introduce any issue at the negotiation table. Maas condemned the Commission for allowing negotiation funding agreements imposed by the two governments to limit what the First Nations can put on the agenda.

"They knew right from the outset that we have a historic treaty we want them to live up to, and this was what we want to bring to the table. But then they gave us a choice between accepting huge loans, which they also knew we did not want, or else be relegated to negotiating what they narrowly and unilaterally define as 'governance matters only.' Of course, their definition of 'governance' specifically excludes any discussion of rights under an existing treaty."

The Treaty 8 Chiefs find the loans both objectionable and inexplicable. First Nations participating in the treaty process are funded by the provincial and federal governments through the Treaty Commission using a blended formula of 20 percent grant and 80 percent loans. By accepting loans, however, the First Nations are pressured into concluding treaties so that they can repay the loans from their settlements. "This flies in the face of the requirement for a level playing field which the Task Force Report called for," said Maas.

"Government negotiators aren't under the same pressure to settle because they don't have to take out huge loans which they have no way of repaying. The Treaty 8 Chiefs have all categorically rejected taking on such loans. What's worse, the Commission, province, and federal govern-



ment won't allow us to opt out of the loan component of the blended formula without arbitrarily restricting the scope of negotiations."

Under a cost-sharing arrangement between Canada and British Columbia, various criteria are set out for the Commission's funding of First Nations. Among those conditions is a provision for the Commission to provide just the 20 percent grant component provided the parties agree to negotiate governance matters only (as opposed to land and resource issues). Effectively, therefore, any First Nation wishing to enter the British Columbia Treaty Commission process is forced to accept negotiation loans in order to discuss anything which could properly be called treaty-making.

"This is simply ridiculous," said Maas. "We were perfectly content to make do with the lesser amount of grant funding and conduct our negotiations on a shoestring rather than incur huge debts. But as they have set things up so we would have been forced to accept the loans as well. In these days of supposed fiscal austerity, how can they justify to taxpayers forcing First Nations to accept multi-million dollar loans from public funds they don't even want?"

"They knew perfectly well we want to negotiate the recognition and implementation of the spirit and intent of our existing treaty. The Supreme Court of Canada has repeatedly told them they have to do this, and the Liberal Party of Canada committed to doing it in their 'Red Book.' Yet they conspire to avoid it by hijacking the agenda through the funding process. Both Canada and B.C. have told us the only forum for resolving our unfulfilled treaty promises is at the B.C. Treaty Commission table. But, when we get there, their negotiators tell us they have no mandate to discuss treaty definition."

"This is why we are pulling out," concluded Tribal Chief Maas. "We have no faith in the governments' promises any more, and we have no faith in the resolve of the Commission to hold the parties to their commitments to the Task Force recommendations. Frankly, I don't know how the other non-treaty claimant groups can have any faith either, if the governments have not lived up to their obligations under our existing treaty for ninety-six years, how can they be trusted to live up to the new ones they are negotiating now?"

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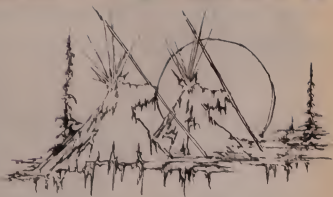
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by Ennis Morris

Ovide Mercredi said that Manning's statements demonstrate "how the Reform party would make it their business to integrate and assimilate Indian people into mainstream society." According to Mercredi, traditional values and ways of life would be gone forever should Manning be left



Manning's new policies would effectively bring an end to any special tax concessions for Aboriginal people. Companies owned and operated by Natives would be subject to the same tax laws as the rest of Canadian businesses. He said that Ottawa would end direct funding of Aboriginal political organizations and that Natives would then be left to decide for themselves which ones they would support. Individual Indians would also be able to determine whether or not they would sell their small parcel of Reserve land. The new policies, Manning said, would also see land settlements be determined in an affordable and fair manner and open to anyone interested in bidding.

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Paul Cree Band seeks restitution and land claim settlement

by John Copley

The Paul Cree Band #175, located near Fort McMurray, Alberta, has



Canada's smallest Indian band seeks land base

by Ennis Morris

The New Westminster Indian Band was once located along British Columbia's Fraser River where its nearly 200 members shared three parcels of reserve land. Their hopes for a prosperous future were wiped out at the turn of the century when a smallpox epidemic devastated the Qesuyt people. The federal government stepped in and sold the land, the last parcel (Poplar Island) going to the City of New Westminster in 1945 for a sum of about \$15,000.

But those times are about to change if Rhonda Ferguson has anything to say about it. Ferguson is the Chief of the New Westminster Band, a job she voted herself into last year. As the only current members of the band, Ferguson and her three daughters have applied to Indian Affairs to renege a land base in order that she can get on with rebuilding the dream of her people.

"I have to do for my family," she said recently. "I'd like to have schools and housing but I intend to concentrate on giving my people a chance for survival in the future."

She said that during her first meeting with Indian Affairs she was asked whether or not she wanted to set up a land base for her reserve. "I said yes," answered Chief Ferguson, "because I feel it is the only way we will be able to achieve our goals."

Toni Timmermans, the communications manager at the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) Vancouver office, said that Ferguson's New Westminster Band was "recognized as a band" even though they "no longer have a land base."

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filed a treaty entitlement claim with the federal government's Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) branch in Edmonton.

The recent visit with government was attended by about a dozen Paul Cree Band members, led by 103 year old Elder, Raphael Cree and Band spokesman and former Chief, Robert Cree.

Last winter, Robert Cree, a former 12 year Chief of the Ft. McMurray Band, gathered with several of his followers and their families in an effort to resettle land that had been allocated to them back in 1921. The reserve land, which encompasses more than 2,200 acres, lies along the Clearwater River and is located about 12 kilometres east of the Town of Ft. McMurray.

When Cree and his group decided to return to the site, abandoned after the oil boom but the region in the early 1970s, he expressed his frustration over government's reaction to the move by saying that he was "being forced to prove that this land is our land" even after having produced documents "that clearly show the land in question is reserve land that we received in 1921." At the time Cree said he was frustrated with a government "that is supposed to be responsible for us. If they don't know that this land is slated as reserve land, then I don't know what they've been doing for the past 70 years."

Now, nearly a year after the interview appeared in *Alberta Native News*, Cree says he's found the proof he needs and he expects government to not only honour their past obligations, but to make restitution as well.

"We have found concrete evidence that the federal government was aware of its obligations and we expect a generous approach," Robert Cree said recently, speaking on behalf of the Paul Cree Band #175 membership. "We can't give you specific figures as to what fair compensation amounts to, but surely it must be in the tens of millions of dollars."

Cree says that when the oil boom, and in particular the development of the oil sands project began in the early 1970s, government encouraged the Indians residing on the original land tract to move to Ft. McMurray.

"The department (Indian Affairs) did not develop the reserve," explains Cree, "and this forced the ones who did not move out, to live and endure the pain of poverty."

Robert Cree says that government inactivity caused some of his people to move to other reserves in the area while others relocated by moving south to Edmonton and Calgary. Cree says he and his followers have been fortunate in that they have been helped by other Aboriginal groups, but added that it isn't something that can go on forever. "We are very grateful to our brothers and sisters of the Fort McMurray First Nation who have housed us, but we have our own history to represent and our own destiny to fulfil."

The band's lawyer, Peter Newton, says the area, now designated as one of Canada's heritage waterways, is ripe and ready for a boost of economic input.

"It's a prime area for tourism development," he said in a recent statement in Edmonton.

Acting Communications Director at the Department of Indian Affairs, Edmonton office, Amy Santoro, said the Paul Cree Band's claim has been forwarded to the Land Claims Entitlement office in Vancouver for review.

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Education

New school opens at Jean D'or Prairie

by John Copley

Commercial and institutional development on First Nations land is nothing new to Edmonton based Saunders Gooch Architects Ltd. For the past several years they have been active in rural Alberta and one of the biggest benefactors of their expertise and construction design is the Little Red River Band at Jean D'or Prairie, located in the north-central region of the province.

Band officials agree and say the newest addition to their long-term development plan comes in the form of a new school.

Allan Cronkite, the band's finance manager, was in on the venture from its inception and says the school has created a lot of new interest with the students who are now filling its classrooms.

"It's a super nice facility and it looks as though the interest level among students has climbed considerably since its completion," he said. Cronkite added that the school is but one phase of the Little Red River Band's progressive movement to enhance the overall quality of life for its First Nations citizens, especially as it relates to education, health and economic opportunities.

"Saunders Gooch has been involved in a number of other band projects over the years," explained Cronkite, adding that the band "has been very fortunate to have had such a capable and caring partner helping us to develop attractive and practical facilities."

Saunders Gooch projects completed with the Little Red River Band include a new health centre and a school at Fox Lake. They also participated in a recent feasibility study to determine the viability of the proposed Sister Gloria School at Garden River. Other work projects include the design and construction of a new school for the Alexis First Nation. Ken Saunders



Jean D'or Prairie School

says his company of architects has just finished another comprehensive study that, if accepted, could see some major improvements take place at the Fox Lake airport.

Little Red River Band residents, Bill Sawepagaham and Pat Chisik, are the co-principals of the new Jean D'or Prairie School, a facility that encompasses kindergarten through to grade 12.

Sawepagaham says he's noticed "a very positive attitude and a renewed interest" among students attending the new school, something that he says could help promote stronger student efforts and better grades. "Proper facilities, like proper teaching techniques, go a long way to helping students feel good about what they are doing. This is a big step forward for us and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the new school will enhance the quality of education for our people."

Pat Chisik agrees and says the recent school completion "has meant the elimination of the outdated and poorly designed portable school facilities" that had been used in the past. "We expect to see an increase in student attention and we hope to see an equal increase in the

efforts and grades because of the renewed hope that many will find within the walls of this exceptional facility," she added.

Alan Cronkite says the enrolment is already more than was anticipated. "We had projected 295 students but in fact we are already at 305," he explained, saying that the increase in the school population would mean the band would have to seek out additional funding to meet the new requirements.

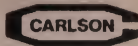
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Micmac First Nation doubles size of Eskasoni School

by John Copley

The Micmac First Nation in Nova Scotia is the largest band east of the Quebec border. Like many of the nation's indigenous peoples, the Micmac are taking a firm grip on their future by

making education one of their priorities. The most recent sign of their determination comes with a \$6.7 million renovation, including a large structural addition, to the Eskasoni School, now one of the largest First Nation schools in eastern Canada.

"Population growth combined with an increased energy towards good education makes it necessary for us to have larger and more modern facilities," explained the school's project manager, Tom Fiander, adding that as long as the project stays on schedule, workers will begin the interior finishing by December. "Our goal is to have everything fully operational when school starts next September."

The construction and renovations will see the size of the school increase to more than 39,000 square feet. Work at the school has created a small boom in the region and many local people have been able to get some much needed employment. "Jobs are in short supply everywhere," said Fiander "so a project this size is bound to have good news for some." The work force averages about 40 workers, of which half are generally from the local Aboriginal community.

But even more important, says Eskasoni School Director Marian Paul, the fifteen month project "will help to ensure that education continues to be one of the biggest priorities in the community." She said that "Eskasoni will have room for 900 students," and that "we currently have an enrollment of 771, with another 150 being bussed out to high school and 100 more involved in post-secondary studies." Paul said that the new school "building will facilitate all grades from kindergarten through grade nine." But there's more on the way. "The next project we hope to see," added Paul "will be the construction of a high school."

Mrs. Paul has been overseeing the school and its curriculum for five years, moving to her current position after an 11 year tenure as Co-ordinator of Post Secondary Studies. Before that, she taught at the school. "For twenty-nine years," she said "Very rewarding work indeed. Education is the key to a good life. It's not only for



Eskasoni School Extension 1995
artist's impression courtesy of Opolick Associates Architects

children, but for adults and grandparents as well. We offer a variety of programs for adults as well as children."

The MicMac took control of their own education in 1980 and Paul says that since then "we've tripled our enrollment and have seen a great many young students move on to post-secondary education. The community revolves around the school. The support is good and we can see that it will get better."

The school system employs about 50 teachers, of whom 18 are Native.

A huge mosaic of artwork, designed by the Sydney, Nova Scotia architectural firm of Opolick & Associates, designers of a number of Aboriginal schools in eastern Canada, will grace the large front wall of the new school.

"The work is painted by Aboriginal artists who follow a design prepared by Opolick and Associates," explained Tom Fiander. "We aren't the first ones to have their work put on a school. Both the concept and the artwork are exceptional and will help to instill a special pride in the school."

There was barely a tree cut to help in the construction of the school. "There's almost no wood in the entire facility," explained Fiander. "Concrete and metal make up more than 95 percent of the exterior surface and interior trim. The colour scheme and overall theme will reflect the traditional and cultural values of the First Nations that reside here. It's going to be a beautiful piece of art when completed."

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New school for Woodland Cree

by Ennis Morris

Canada's Aboriginal population is coming of age and is quickly proving that health care centres, recreational facilities and other community-based projects are being built in Native communities across the nation to help them meet their current and future needs.

The Woodland Cree have moved forward with their plans to provide a more stable educational environment in their community.

"We're not going to brag, but we're really proud of what we've accomplished in the past five years. It's been quite a time quite a swing around," said Woodland Cree Band Chief, Bill Thomas, when he recently spoke about the continuing progress and growth in his northern Alberta community. "When the people were moved here in the early 1960s there were only a few buildings on this site. It took time for us to get our development going but we feel we are on track now. The community is determined to put their best foot forward and to continue to develop, especially as far as education, community and economic development are concerned."

The Woodland Cree, once a part of the Lubicon Nation, have been making steady progress since they split from the original group back in 1988, and especially since they began capital construction in 1991. Schools, administration buildings, a fire station and other positive initiatives have allowed Thom's Woodland Cree Band to become one of the leaders in progressive development.

"It has been our dream to see positive advancement by establishing a good foundation for our

people. That dream is now coming true."

Thomas says that growth requires the commitment of the community and he feels that it's not only the band members who are helping to create a brighter future for the people.

"Much of the success we are now having comes because of the partnerships we have built with the construction trades" that have helped to design and build on Woodland Cree land.

Though the band assumes the role of contractor for much of the construction work, Woodland Cree Treaty Settlement Co-ordinator, Jack Tulley, says the positive working relationships the band has developed that have helped to make progress quicker and smoother.

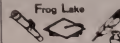
"Cavan Construction," says Tulley, "has been extraordinarily sensitive to community concerns." They have done their part to ensure that community members are active in the workforce and that local services and suppliers are used whenever possible. This has been an added bonus for local workforce, especially considering the shortage of employment opportunities in the northern regions of the province.

And Cavan Construction has not been the only outside group to help bring employment and growth opportunities to the area. Tulley says that the firms of Associated Engineering and ACI Architecture have also played a huge part in the development at Woodland Cree First Nation. The architectural firm has worked with a number of First Nations groups in Alberta since 1988, and have been instrumental in the development

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Review by John Copley

When I first checked inside the cover of *With the Indians in the Rockies*, I was surprised to find that the book was initially published in 1912 and that the author, James Willard Schultz, had been dead since 1947. I found myself wondering what message today's readers could derive from a book that was published 83 years ago. The book, written for children aged 10 to 15 years, was penned between 1903 and 1912. Do kids today have anything in common with their turn of the century peers? It seems that they do.

Schultz was a popular fiction writer who specialized in adventure stories for young readers. Born in New York in 1859, Schultz worked his way west and landed in Montana in 1877. He immediately fell in love with the rich grasslands and open plains and cancelled his plans to return east where he was to have been enrolled at the United States Military Academy at West Point, Virginia. In 1879 he met and married a woman from the Blackfoot Nation, where he was to later live and take up the name Apikuni or Far-Off White Buffalo Kobo. He was to have a son, Hart Merrim (Lone Wolf), who would later become a well-known artist.

In 1903, after the death of his wife, Schultz returned to New York and began to write stories of his experiences with the Native peoples. Over the next couple of decades he published more than 30 adventure books and they're still available today.

Many of the thirty or so books he wrote centred around two main characters, Tom Fox and his friend, Pitamaken. Tom was a newcomer to the west while his friend, Pitamaken, was the son of a proud Blackfoot chief whose family had lived on



the plains for centuries. The two became good friends soon after Thomas' family arrived in the west.

Tom's dad was a gunsmith and wholesaler/retailer of all types of frontier shooting paraphernalia. Crossing the country by paddle wheeler and horseback they made their way to Montana. During the next 40 years, Tom made many friends, fought many enemies and encountered a variety of exciting situations. He found himself trapped in many near impossible situations, but always managed to find a way out—usually with the help of his friend, Pitamaken.

With the Indians in the Rockies is an exciting yarn for kids of all ages, but is especially good reading for young teens. The story is vivid in its many encounters with marauding Kootenay warriors, angered bears and snorting buffalo. Many challenges are met face-to-face by Schultz's two heroes who continuously escape the clutches of

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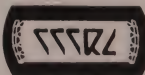
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News of the North

Gun bill threatens Inuit lifestyle

by Art Babych

The federal government's proposed gun control bill poses a major threat to everyday life in northern communities, says the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.

Inuit leaders appearing September 25 before the Senate committee studying the bill said the legislation would interfere with their traditional practices.

"Why should laws that may be good for southern urban dwellers be imposed on peoples living a different lifestyle, whose dependence on and relationship with long firearms is very different?" asked Inuit leader Rosemary Kuptana.

She argued that the proposed bill—C-68—doesn't incorporate Aboriginal and treaty rights. As a result, she said, "many of our people will be unfairly prosecuted for carrying on activities that are a legitimate part of our culture and our way of life."

Kuptana said the Inuit own firearms not to protect themselves from humans, but rather because of the "necessity" of protecting themselves from animal predators and "for use as tools to acquire fresh, nutritious and affordable food."

Kuptana and other Inuit leaders told the committee the gun control bill is being regarded as contrary to the safety interests of Inuit. And they said they worry that day-to-day activities the Inuit take for granted will become criminalized.

"Once again, Inuit are faced with a law from outside our communities that will criminalize activities that are not criminal to us but are rather our traditional ways," said Kuptana.

She said that if Inuit don't follow the regulations "we will risk being branded criminals and suffer criminal sanctions including the loss of the right to use our firearms in the future." The Inuit Tapirisat cannot accept the legislation as it is now proposed, she said.

The Inuit's brief concluded that the gun control bill should take a "positive and protective" approach for Aboriginal and treaty rights by providing regional exemptions in some instances.

The consequences of not providing the exemptions to shield constitutionally protected Ab-



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original and treaty rights, it said, would lead to "unnecessary, expensive litigation to defend Inuit Aboriginal and treaty rights and serious disruptions to the lives of individuals affected."

It would also lead to the "unjust criminalization of Inuit because of conflict with Inuit traditions and language and literacy barriers."

The House of Commons earlier this year passed the gun control bill, but it needs Senate approval before becoming law.

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Working to bridge gaps between cultures and perceptions in order to help enrich the lives of other people, is often left to the professional educators, healers and government bodies that are trained in the vast field of human relations. But this is not always the case. Take for example the increasingly popular Aboriginal artist, Lawrence Martin, or Wapistan, as he is known professionally.

Wapistan is a James Bay Cree who makes his home in northern Ontario. He is an award-winning musician and an accomplished speaker and he has a unique ability that allows him to musically present his version of life, with all its superlatives and all its severity.

Wapistan is a living example of the spiritual teachings of his culture. He says that it's not the music alone that has brought him success, but rather "it's been a combination of worthy values and a great respect for family and for the cultural traditions of my heritage."

Lawrence Martin (Wapistan) recently travelled across the country in an effort to promote his latest and he hopes, his greatest, album to date, *Message*. He met with *Alberta Native News* in Edmonton, where he stopped for a brief two day visit. Music may be the way Wapistan generates an income, but it's his *persona* and his deep sincerity that got this writer's attention and admiration.

ANN: You often say everything in life has a message and that all one must do to learn is listen. What is it that they fail to hear and what must they do to achieve a better understanding?

WAPISTAN: "Everything talks to us. Everything, everyone, every action has a message of some kind. We need to listen. We need to listen to ourselves and believe in who we are. We need to find inner peace and we need to find forgiveness, not only for our transgressors, but for ourselves as well."

ANN: It is said that you are man of vision and purpose. What vision do you see for yourself? What is your purpose?

WAPISTAN: "That's very difficult to answer. I believe that what vision I have is intended to help my fellow man. I see my work as an important part of reaching out. I hope that my music will help everyone, Native or otherwise, to attain a better understanding of who they are, where they come from and where they are going. I envision my music and the message I try to convey, as a bridge that can be crossed by anyone who is willing to listen to their heart and to learn

from the experiences they encounter in life. I really haven't figured out exactly what my personal vision is as of yet, but I do get extreme enjoyment when I have the opportunity to convey positive messages of reinforcement for my people and my fellow man.

ANN: Elders seem to play an important role in your music. Is there a reason for this?

WAPISTAN: Yes. Elders often have different opinions than many of the youth in our communities, but I have always found value and wisdom in their words. They have experienced life and they are wiser because of it. There are many Elders capable of leading our people down the road to a better life, and it is this that I give respect to in my songs. Being brought up in a traditional family where everyone participated in the overall picture, I learned to appreciate the wisdom and the values that Elders offer us. It is unfortunate that many of the younger generation have lost their ability to communicate with the Elders. It is time for us to listen and to heed their words and their ways. I realize that tomorrow belongs to the youth, but I also know that we are here today because of the strength and resilience of our Elders.

ANN: Are other musicians following your lead? Do others try to impart the strength and courage of conviction that you seem to convey in your music?

WAPISTAN: I don't think that they are necessarily following my lead but yes, other artists are acting as educators and motivators. There is a worldwide movement among indigenous peoples to overcome negativity and misunderstanding. We are just another piece in a global puzzle that is attempting to rectify the past by participating in the future.

ANN: You just finished a term as the mayor of Sioux Lookout, Ontario. You are also the Executive Director of Wawatay Native Communications. Does this non-musical workload interfere with what you are trying to accomplish as a musician?

WAPISTAN: Not anymore. I did find that my increasing commitment to music and to my people was being delayed, and often neglected because of an ever-increasing workload. It is for that reason that I declined to run in the last mayoralty race and it is for those same reasons that I recently resigned from Wawatay. With the extra time I hope to increase my community work and get another album written. I'd like to

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labour and the Aboriginal community, including Canadian Construction Association Chairman John Spratt and Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Ron Irwin.

Growing Aboriginal business expertise and control over land and resources combined with huge new infrastructure needs both in Aboriginal communities and throughout the North will mean abundant construction opportunities for Canada's First Nations. The conference, co-sponsored by Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, will examine these opportunities as well as Aboriginal involvement in the construction industry as customers, employees, joint-venture partners and independent contractors.

Leading figures in each field will share their

expertise on starting and operating a construction business, the infrastructure needs of public utilities and industries like oil and gas, government construction and maintenance requirements over the next 15 years, how to train and utilize Aboriginal construction workers, and legal, regulatory and financial issues.

N.I.T.A. predicts the conference will also provide participants with a uniquely convenient venue for making contacts with key individuals in government, industry and the Aboriginal communities.

To register or for more information on attending or exhibiting at the conference, contact Mr. Blythe Rogers, Conference Co-ordinator at N.I.T.A. (604) 684-0880, toll free 1-800-337-7743 or fax (604) 684-0881.



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spend more time working with my people. It is the path I have chosen because I believe the education of the people must come before personal achievement can be fully and properly realized.

Lawrence Martin is a soft spoken, down-to-earth kind of a guy who doesn't mince his words. His actions speak far louder than any word and his unpretentious attitude about life and living can not go unrecognized. The Juno Award he received for his music, a unique blend of country, folk and Native melodies, has inspired him to even greater ambitions, but he says "the attitudes of the people are my ultimate concern. I would like each person to stop and think and reflect on life. There is not only a message in everything we do, but there is meaning as well. Once the people have found their meaning, and have made a decision to listen to the inner self, then I think my goals will be realized for then I know we will truly have moved forward in a more positive direction" of life.

Wapistan is a 36 year old father of eight. His 15 year marriage to wife Ursula, is counted among his blessings and Martin says that he's come to understand what his grandparents meant when they told him the importance of family and tradition.

"Words like 'deep satisfaction' and 'heartfelt appreciation' barely manage to explain the way I feel about those around me. Family is everything. Support within the family means unwavering loyalty and dedication and it's something that I am both proud of and elated with. It is my dream to see similar feelings happen at the community level. I only hope that the message I send through my music will help to see that dream become true."

Born on the Moose Factory Reserve in northern Ontario, Lawrence Martin is the son of a Cree mother and an Irish father and was raised by his grandparents. He studied in North Bay, Ontario and has early working years laboring as a young man of manual construction sites and railroad construction yards. His interest, however, lay in other directions and it wasn't long before he sought out a formal education so that he could pursue his dreams. Those dreams are coming true.

"I am very happy with my choices," he says, "but I won't be truly content until I have seen all my dreams become reality."



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by Brian Savage

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The ACSA's sole purpose is safety training offering a variety of consulting services to the construction industry and other related industries.

"We teach regularly scheduled classes in nine locations and we do on-site training at the request of a company virtually anywhere," says Dobson.

"We do a lot of work with forestry companies, pulp and paper, gas and oil, pipelines, utilities and meat packing industries as well as long-term care facilities," explains Dobson, who adds that the ACSA will change its core programs to fit a particular industry's work environment.

The health and safety issues was a prime motive in the creation of the ACSA according to Dobson.

"In 1986 the lost time claims in the construction industry were 13.6 per 100 man years worked.



Right now, for certified contractors in our core programs, the rate is 3.8. So you can see there's been quite a decline in lost time claims in the last 10 years.

The largest decline though, says Dobson, has come since 1989 when the ACSA was formed. "It's filling the need for specific safety training, particularly management training programs."

Success can be shown by the four straight years in the reduction of WCB premiums to the construction industry and companies that subscribe to the ACSA programs.

The ACSA is also partners with the Alberta government in the certificate of recognition program and the WCB in the voluntary incentive. Participation in the latter gives a company a greater refund on their WCB premiums.

"This year we gave back \$1.7 million to construction companies that have taken part in our program and reduced their claim costs," says Dobson. He adds that it's "more an industry success story than anything else. The industry tells us where the opportunities are, and what the programming has to be. Everything we do is driven by the industry and not government or bureaucrats or even our own staff members."

Dobson is confident that the ACSA will continue to grow, while they remain flexible, allowing for modification of their programs to ensure transferability from one industry to another.

A particular target of the ACSA are the causes of costly injuries, sprains, strains and ergonomically-related injuries.

"That will be a growth area for us. We've also just put together a program to assist managers in building a substance abuse policy and program for their company."

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The ACSA has 23 staff members. Half of the positions are administrative and the rest are safety professionals with a graduate background in occupational health and safety and a minimum of five years field experience in construction or heavy industry. Some individuals also have trade certificates in addition to their university backgrounds.

Compared to the 65 field inspectors working for the provincial government with its broader mandate and taxpayer-based funding, the ACSA is able to provide greater support for specific industries who fund the ACSA themselves.

"We've saved industries a lot more than we've cost them," explains Dobson. "There's definitely pay-back for what we're doing."

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tions of successive governments since the 1870s, as Hamilton points out, have been "a litany of oppressive and inappropriate policies established in an attempt to control, subjugate and assimilate Indian people."

When Pope John Paul II visited the Dene community at Fort Simpson, NWT, in September 1987, he asked that Aboriginals in Canada be given a "just and equitable degree of self-governing with a land base and adequate resources necessary for the development of a viable economy for present and future generations."

The Aboriginal people of Canada—and their non-Native supporters—are still waiting for a reply.

Until the federal government makes good not only on the promises of the treaties but also on what the treaties were intended to achieve, Canadians will face more displays of discontent by Aboriginal peoples.

And, as the final paragraph of Hamilton's report states, "Solutions are within the grasp of the government."

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Vast new resources

by Bob Wilfur, Portfolio Strategist, A.I.G.

The Internet has been a topic of many of many newspaper articles of late. It is basically a number of computer systems connected to each other resulting in the creation of a 'web' like electronic network. In this network there exists many locations or 'web sites' that provide various services, information, advertisements, and the like. With students, professionals, and administrators finding their way along the Information Super Highway, there are now vast amounts of investment and technical information at our fingertips. The Internet is providing investors worldwide with up-to-the-minute information regarding stocks, bonds, mutual funds, research analysis, and public offerings to name only a few topics. So far, I have not seen many of these web site locations published for First Nations' use. As I write this article, there are probably hundreds of sites being added to the net. Here are but a few... and while these may not be of use to all our readers, those with access to the Internet will find the web sites to be of great value, especially if they have an interest in the investment industry.

<http://www.fundlib.com> This location will link to www sites for Canadian Mutual Fund Families, as well as related financial articles.

<http://www.globandmail.ca> I think everyone can guess which newspaper this will get you. And their Stocktrends Handbook can be a very good reference.

<http://iss.net/ipo> This location has information on the latest Initial Public Offerings (IPO's).

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<http://www.winsey.com/~dbryson/chartsum.html> If you are looking for Canadian Economic Indicators... this is the spot.

Now after all that, I think that First Nations are beginning to realize the value of the Internet and the resources it contains. I know of at least 5 First Nation Internet servers, and those are some which I have just come across in passing. This tells me one thing: that as all of us are pulled



onto the Information Super Highway, it is going to have a major effect on many aspects of all of our lives. Today students can attend some schools in other cities by computer. There are many First Nations businesses already using the net to offer their services worldwide. And I believe that the net can also be used to increase trade between First Nations and be used as a tool to strengthen their economies.

As an investment professional, I use a wide variety of resources of information each and every day. It is essential to have up to the minute information in our industry, and as First Nations take their place in our global economies, those that have access and fully utilize the Internet will benefit greatly. The Internet offers more than simply acting as a giant library. The use of the net to market and search out trade between nations has yet to be fully exploited. Its use as a method of e-mailing, and communication between all North American First Nations may prove to be of untold value.

If you have any questions or comments, please call the Aboriginal Investment Group at (403) 221-4163 and ask for Bob Wilfur (portfolio strategist) or Barrie Shibley (manager).

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death. Pitamakan shows Tom the ways of the wild and teaches him how to survive nasty encounters. He also teaches him how to build a shelter, start a fire, hunt for food and make his own clothing.

Written nearly eight and a half decades ago from stories said to be based on actual happenings *With the Indians in the Rockies*, lets the reader know that kids haven't really changed all that much over the years. There are as many lessons in good moral values and balanced decision making as there are precarious situations in the book, and through it all, honesty, kindness and the quality of good friendship prevail.

The novel is full of interesting and often fascinating details about life in the 1800s. Thrilling action/adventure joins with humour and historical fact to make this 136 page book an interesting and upbeat tale of survival. The two friends learn much about each other and find ways to put their two distinctively different cultures together to work as one. And as it has always been, teamwork and friendship still remain two of our most important resources.

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by John Copley

A few years ago Darlene Langsford had a dream. Today her dream has become reality in her efforts to help the youth in her community. Darlene resides in Edmonton where she is the owner of R.I.D. Kids Leather Recyclers, a non-profit society designed to bring in funds to help some of the less fortunate youth in our society. "I was a volunteer at an alternate shelter," explains the woman who devotes much of her time to helping others. "I wanted to do more for homeless and underprivileged kids—that was my dream."

Langsford started her dream by picking a name for her new organization. That name is R.I.D. KIDS, explains Langsford, who says that "the name came from the kids at the shelter where I worked on B.C.'s beautiful Sunshine Coast. They jokingly called themselves the Radical Island Delinquents." It was a name that helped to inspire Langsford to move ahead with her plan.

"There are so many young kids that have given up on themselves," explains Darlene, "that I just felt I had to do something to help bring some hope back into their lives."

R.I.D. KIDS is an organization designed to enhance life skills for youth, but its primary goal, says Langsford, is to get the kids motivated to do something positive with their lives. She's formed a special bond with many youth who have come to her leather work classes in order to learn a new skill.

"It's actually quite amazing how little it takes if you go the extra mile to help some of these kids get themselves on a positive path," says Langsford. "Working with a piece of old leather has rewards that are hard to explain," she added, "but I guess it comes down to the finished product. When kids accomplish goals they begin to feel good about themselves. They take pride in their accomplishments and they come to see that

life is not misery and mayhem, but beauty that deserves the best shot they've got."

Feeling good about oneself, says Langsford, "may seem run-of-the-mill for many who come from solid, loving homes where family values come first and no one ever goes hungry. But there are many kids who come from much less than perfect homes. Too many kids are pushed aside and criticized and beaten and neglected. There are just too many kids with unsmiling faces and no pleasant memories. I just try to help them see the good side of life by inspiring confidence and hope but they are the ones who ultimately make the choice for a better life. R.I.D. KIDS is just the catalyst or the catapult that helps to move them into a position where they are able to see that there is some hope after all."

R.I.D. KIDS is an organization that not only works to bring kids a better understanding of themselves and their surroundings but is involved in helping them to be better prepared for the business world once they've graduated from school. "We teach them to make objects out of leather but more importantly," says Langsford, "we try to teach them how to project themselves in the marketplace. We encourage them to sell their products and to participate in the negotiation process that goes along with doing business in the '90s."

The non-profit society is always looking for donations, assures Langsford, "but we don't necessarily need cash, although it is always appreciated. What we need is leather. Any kind of leather. Old boots, jackets, pants, saddles, vests, hides, you name it we can use it. Leather or suede can just about always be refurbished and then cut to make other items."

Currently the most popular venture the kids at R.I.D. KIDS work on is leather roses. In fact

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Saddle Lake teen makes it to Disneyland

by John Copley

Ralph Sheldon Wahsatnow Jr. is one lucky guy. And he says he's so excited "I'm in a real frenzy right now. I'm still shaking my head and wondering how I got so lucky."

The 18-year-old Saddle Lake First Nation teen is going to France where he'll be employed by the Disney Corporation at their Disneyland Paris location.

Wahsatnow says he owes the whole experience to his older brother, Clayton, who saw an ad for an audition this past summer and quickly took Ralph into Edmonton so that he could participate.

"Riding a horse and acting out a small role for the cameras were the main things we did during the auditions," says Ralph Jr. who was competing with more than 300 other would-be Disney adventurers.

The decision was made quickly after the end of auditions and Ralph says the toughest part has been waiting for his work visa from the French government. But that's all in the past now.

"I finally got the visa and I'm ready to head out - but I know that I'm going to miss my family so I'm hanging around the house until the plane leaves."

The first stop is Orlando, Florida where Ralph Jr. will spend the first week of his newfound \$3,800 per month job. "In Florida I will be given a series of Disney indoctrination sessions so that I become more familiar with the corporation and their expectations," he said.

Wahsatnow says the whole "thing is like a fairy tale from a magic land. One day I'm looking for work and the next day it seems as though my dreams have come true. I can't really explain it except to say that I'm extremely happy and excited and I'll do everything possible to ensure that my three month contract is renewed."

The initial signing of three months gives Disney operators an opportunity to weigh Ralph Jr.'s performance. If they like what they see, he could



be with the program for up to five years.

Catherine Sweeney, a director with Disney's recruitment division in Orlando, says the phone lines are always open for people interested in travelling with Disney's worldwide showcase of entertainment venues. For more information on recruitment call the Orlando office at (407) 828-1408, or fax inquiries to (407) 828-8165.

Ralph Sheldon Wahsatnow Jr. says he's got the support of the whole community. "It's a lot easier when you have the support of your family and your peers, and I'm lucky enough to have both."

Saddle Lake Chief Eric Large said the whole Band is excited about the opportunities that have opened up for young Ralph.

"It's not too often a young person has this kind of an opportunity. Ralph is a real good kid and I'm sure he'll be an excellent representative of our people."

Ralph Jr.'s job will see him participate in Disneyland Paris' Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a role he says fits him perfectly.

"I'm not exactly sure what I'll be doing there, but one thing is for sure. I can ride like the wind and I guess my acting ability must be up to par as well. I know it'll be a great experience for me. I can hardly wait to go."



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When alcohol rules the roost, children suffer

by Suzanne Batten

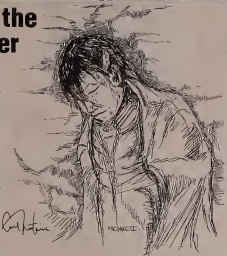
An unfortunate consequence of modern life in our society is alcoholism. And when a member of a family has a drinking problem, the entire family is affected. Each family member will cope with the problem in their own way. Children, however, often suffer the most.

Alcohol abuse by parents creates an unstable family environment. And ironically, abusing alcohol can also become a way of coping with the problems created by drinking within the family. Yet it is important to know that the effects of alcoholism vary from individual to individual and family to family. And these effects do not have to be permanent.

Children who grow up in an alcoholic environment deal with home life in the best instinctive way they can. Lines of communication between family members often suffer. Alcoholic parents tend to focus more on drinking than other responsibilities. Many children, in order to cope, fall into one mode of several personality traits.

Some become the "responsible child" who is usually the eldest, and is the one others rely upon to take over when necessary. These children are strong, successful at home and school, but by taking care of the rest of the family—in essence becoming a surrogate parent—they assume too much responsibility, which is not healthy for them. At the other end of the spectrum, there is the "loner child." These are children who become very withdrawn, stay in the background, and never cause trouble. They spend much time alone, away from other family members. They often feel hopeless, needless, and helpless.

Then there are those who fit somewhere between both extremes. A "scapegoat child" engages in antisocial behaviour; delinquency, stealing, lying, fighting, etc. They seek attention



through negative action. They are labelled as troublemakers and are frequently blamed for the family's problems.

The "adjuster child" redirects attention of either a positive or negative nature internally in an effort to normalize crisis family situations. But these children develop nervousness, anxiousness, and might become overactive. Unfortunately, this does not really help the situation, because the child is not dealing with the bigger problem—alcoholism—and true feelings are ignored.

All of these self-induced personality traits, stemming from the dysfunctional family during the formative years result in more confusion once adulthood is reached. Survival instincts which helped children cope in the alcoholic environment no longer apply in adult life. By denying their own feelings throughout childhood, they have closed themselves off to other, more positive paths of mature development. Responsible

children often discover that after years of being in charge, they don't know how to have fun or behave in any other way. Others, as well, might experience unexplained depression, low self-esteem, and have difficulty relating to "normal" society in a non-dysfunctional environment. Some adult children of alcoholics who ascertain "it will never happen to me," themselves develop alcohol addiction, or even marry an alcoholic, thereby continuing the vicious circle.

Awareness of the issues is the first way to deal with the child of an alcoholic. Change is always an option, and any situation is open to change. Because there is a broad range of individual and family reactions to life with an alcoholic, it is important to deal with each one on a separate basis within the family context.

Help from outside the family is vital. Families who have yet to address the alcoholism need to learn how to interact with each other in healthy ways that are not based on alcoholic behaviour. Children and adult children of alcoholics have a special need to explore their own feelings with people who understand and care—from within and outside the family unit. GUILT and other negative emotions must be purged. Support groups for children and adult children have flourished in communities across the country, in order that society as a whole deal with and stop the unhappy cycle of alcoholism.

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Society of Aboriginal Addictions Recovery

Sobriety: the celebration of life

by John Copley

The Calgary-based Society of Aboriginal Addictions Recovery (SOAAR) was formed in 1993 when it took the place of the National Native Association of Treatment Directors, an organization that ran from 1982 through 1993.

"Treatment and prevention are the goals we strive for," says the organization's Executive Director, Deanna Greyeyes. "Society members affirm that the goal for treatment is sobriety for the client. Treatment means a new beginning for anyone suffering addiction problems and our healing philosophies take into account the whole person and includes the spiritual, physical, emotional and mental elements."

SOAAR provides a wide range of services targeted at stopping alcohol and drug abuse. A three-fold effort concentrates on stopping problems before they develop, bringing an end to continuing addictions abuse and focussing on programs that will help stop problems from recurring once they've been put in check.

"We are also involved in community research and work projects that deal with sexual abuse, gambling and other addictions, including cigarette smoking," explained Greyeyes.

The formation of SOAAR in July of 1993 came with the realization that the original mandate needed broadening. Greyeyes says that "we saw the need for community based workers to provide prevention, after-care, follow-up programs and referral and assessment services in the field of Aboriginal addictions." She added that the



"expansion is enhancing the organization's effectiveness by providing a variety of networking, information and development services. There is now a coordinated effort into the continuum of care to combat addiction problems and the resultant effects on Aboriginal culture and society."

SOAAR strives to develop and promote quality alcohol and drug treatment and prevention services. Members of the society are representative of many professional and cultural philosophies that work together in order to create an environment in which learning, sharing and a sense of common purpose and unity are present.

Deanna Greyeyes says the organization has five basic goals, the first of which is to coordinate and facilitate regular meetings for the purpose of "sharing information, developing resources and discussing current treatment and prevention issues and requirements."

The development of training standards for Aboriginal treatment staff is accomplished by identifying staff development and training needs within treatment centres and prevention programs. Sharing opinions on available training resources and exploring possibilities of accredited training initiatives make up the second of the five goals. Assisting members in the provision of high quality services is another of SOAAR's

objectives. This is accomplished through staff exchange programs, peer evaluations and information sharing in both program development and the identification and critique of available resources. Participating in the decision-making process as it relates to treatment and prevention issues is the fourth of the society's goals and is accomplished by acting as a resource to stakeholders in the addictions field. The fifth of the five goals takes on the role of an overseer.

"We attempt," explained Greyeyes, "to insure that the research being done in the area of Aboriginal addiction is practical. This is done by identifying suitable issues for research, exchanging information on research grants, providing information on needs to government and developing proposals for research initiatives."

SOAAR has been developing programs and information sheets on other issues identified as problem areas in the Aboriginal community. Included in these is a counsellor's handbook called *The Right To Be Special*, and deals with sexual abuse. The project came, says Greyeyes, as a result of mounting evidence that close attention to sexual abuse disclosures was needed when dealing with addictions. "This perspective she added, was reinforced after a survey showed that 85 percent of the treatment centre's addiction cases disclosed a past history of sexual abuse. "These factors," said Greyeyes, "needed to be addressed, because often alcohol and drugs are used as a means of escaping the trauma and emotional impact inflicted by sexual abuse."

The society holds five-day workshops designed to provide participants the best possible impact from training. Among the subject material covered are safety issues that counsellors must be aware of when dealing with disclosures, information regarding basic human sexuality from an Aboriginal perspective, health and wellness and what it takes to achieve it and a basic information session on sexual abuse with pertinent information on dealing with disclosures in a treatment setting.

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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

by Suzanne Batten

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is a birth defect which is estimated to affect one in every 3000 North American births. Fetal alcohol effects, which include some but not all symptoms of the Syndrome, are estimated to occur three times more often than FAS itself. And these symptoms can be just as severe.

Drastic effects of alcohol consumption during a woman's pregnancy can result in miscarriage and stillbirth. The medical establishment has not determined just how much alcohol a pregnant woman can safely drink without damaging her unborn child. But research clearly shows that heavy drinking increases both the likelihood and severity of damage to the fetus. Nor is there any period during pregnancy when it is completely safe to drink. Since the fetus is growing all through pregnancy, alcohol can damage at any stage. During the first three weeks after conception, alcohol related damage to the fetus is likely to cause a miscarriage. And up to the end of the first trimester of pregnancy, alcohol-related damage begins to include physical abnormalities and brain damage. Drinking during later states can also cause developmental delays. A baby can also be affected by alcohol passed through breast milk. All doctors advise pregnant women to refrain from consuming any type of alcohol—even a glass of wine with dinner—so safe.

Children born to women who consumed an excess of alcohol during pregnancy are afflicted with FAS, or minimally, its effects. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome can be diagnosed and treated by a specially-trained physician. The physical symptoms are specific facial characteristics—short

opening between the eyelids, a long midface, the vertical groove between the nose and upper lip flattened, a thin upper lip, or a flattened upper jawbone. One or more of these are unmistakable in the child or infant. Below average weight and height, as well as a small head size, are also evident in FAS children.

Perhaps the most consequential abnormality is damage to the brain, which means that the child might not develop and behave in the same manner as other children. Yet it is still difficult to pinpoint the alcohol-related damage to a child, especially if the child has few obvious physical symptoms. The brain damage can still be evident, and just as severe, as in those who reflect extreme disfigurement.

Diagnosis of FAS, and other alcohol-related birth defects, can be very difficult for varying reasons. There is no single symptom that can identify the syndrome. There are no standard testing procedures to confirm the condition. Many symptoms change and evolve, sometimes worsening, sometimes even improving, as a child ages. Unless obvious physical symptoms are present at birth, an infant's symptoms, especially brain damage, are hard to recognize. And by the time a child is born, or even later in developmental life, it is not easy to ascertain

exactly how much the mother used or abused alcohol during pregnancy.

Of course many of these symptoms occur in children with other disorders, therefore all other causes should be eliminated before Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is identified as the problem.

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BOOK REVIEW

HOW A PEOPLE DIE

by Alan Fry
Published by Harbour Publishing, Vancouver
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Review by John Copley

Once in a while someone steps out into the limelight and brings attention to matters that might not otherwise be recognized. Such is the story of 64 year old author, Alan Fry. Fry was an unsung courier and the message he brought, though covered and smothered and ignored for decades, was all too true and all too devastating. It was the devastation that impassioned Fry to write his book.

When Alan Fry first published, *How A People Die*, (Doubleday & Co, 1970) both Indian and white communities were in shock. He wrote about something that few have had the courage to attempt, and he did so knowing that his 11 year job as a federal Indian agent could be lost. He wrote about violence and disorder that was occurring in many small west coast Indian communities. He wrote about the introduction of alcohol into Native communities and showed how it helped to destroy the lives of many thousands of Aboriginal Canadians. He wrote about a people who gave up on themselves and who, in their hearts, lost the ability to care. He wrote about brutal abuse suffered by women and children. He wrote about heavy drinking, gang rapes, suicides and incest. But his words weren't written in condemnation, they did not blame. They were penned in an effort to open an old wound, in hope that it may have a chance to heal. He was frustrated with the indifference he felt coming from Native leaders about issues he considered to be the main cause for despair and stagnation within many communities of the 1970s.

"They (Native leaders) did not want to talk about the drinking, the beating, the incest and the child neglect," says Fry, acknowledging that many of the people to whom he appealed, were also a part of the problem. Unresponsive politicians and an ignorant public also helped Fry decide to pursue his book. "Senior people in the department, the politicians and the articulate but ignorant segment of the public, imbued with romantic

notions, hardly wanted to know about, much less discuss, these harsh realities."

He didn't blame his bosses, and despite the fact they were pressured by some Indian leaders to fire him, they did not. In fact they cautiously patted Fry on the back for a story finally told. After a few harsh words and an informal scolding, local Indian leaders decided he should stay on. Fry says that privately, many Indian leaders came to him and expressed agreement at what he had written, though they told him that he must respect their public position. Four years after publishing his book, Fry left his job with government.

Vancouver-based Harbour Publishing has recently republished *How A People Die*. In this new release, Fry had added a new introduction and offers alternatives to the bleak future he once envisioned. The *New York Times* has called the book "...one of the most sensitive and incisive statements on human alienation" ever seen while *Indian News* columnist, David Monture, says "Come on Indians, read the book and get angry." Vine Deloria, the author of *Custer Died for Your Sins*, says Fry's novel is "...required reading for anyone who is seriously concerned about the (present) social turmoil." call the book a frightening look at a once proud people who, through the mistreatment and complacency of their conquerors, have suffered as cruel a fate as any people before them.

While Fry's book is both captivating and poignant, it does not paint pretty picture. It won't be difficult for readers to feel anger when they scan the pages of *How A People Die*. Yet many will deny that such things could happen in a civilized and progressive nation such as Canada. The book itself is listed under Indians of North America—Canada, Western—Fiction. For this reason, some may prefer to believe that the abhorrence found in the 200 pages of text is imagined. It is not. Fry has based his book on fact and details much of what he witnessed during his 15 years as an Indian agent.

Today's society may not be as shocked as the readers who first picked up this book in 1970, but then they are not so naive nor either. Tragic stories of suicide, violence and mistreatment of Aboriginal people have been heard over the last decade but even now it is hard to imagine the suffering, that had for years, become commonplace among Canada's Aboriginal nations.

Fry's work ends with an afterword that does its best to decipher some of the reasoning and rationale for the offhanded, uncaring and often brutal treatment inflicted on the nation's indigenous peoples, but there isn't much mention of what is being done to make amends. Maybe he's saving that part for last.

How A People Die is available through the publisher and most large book stores and is well worth the \$15 price tag.



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Please Let Me Go

by Kee-K-Tee

Why do past events

Stay so strong on the mind
Peace and happiness, you're unable to find

Why can't I forget

He who did me such wrong
To erase him from memory, time would move on

How could everyone be so blind

I was not a bad child only kind

Did they not hear my crying song

And to speak out back then would've been wrong

To pretend and to hide, no matter what was lost

You kept quiet whatever the cost

Growing up with such impurities

Has left me with many insecurities

I have mastered the art of wearing a mask

To take it off is too great a task

As each day, month and year goes by

I keep thinking, trying to figure out why

There is no answer to my question

I need not to look for redemption

I will learn to forgive and to be strong

And believe in myself, I did nothing wrong

I am now coming to terms

With the past I know

To rid of these evil germs

Please let me go

Land base

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Ferguson has three brothers, all of whom have applied to the DIA for membership. All three have been appointed as band councilors pending a decision of their applications.

At the moment, Chief Ferguson operates the band's business affairs from her Vancouver apartment where she has set up an office complete with the band's only three pieces of equipment, a phone, fax and computer. She receives an annual payment of \$8,400 from the DIA, money she says has helped to reestablish the band's autonomy.

Now the band has been formally recognized by government, Ferguson says she's ready to initiate her first plan of action. She will file a claim with the Indian Claims Commission in an attempt to receive some restitution for land she feels was sold unfairly by government. If she wins her plea with the commission and receives the cash settlement she hopes for, Ferguson plans to use the money to help finance her band's entry into the B.C. Treaty Commission. This will enable her to participate in the negotiations that must take place before her land claims issues can be resolved.

Six Aboriginal groups in the region are currently involved in negotiations with government but now they'll have another voice to contend with. Ferguson must reach an agreement with the existing groups before she'll be able to set boundaries for the new Westminster Band's territory.

"The Katzie and Musqueam

Bands," explained Ferguson, "have already invited me to join an alliance that would enable us to jointly pursue land claims settlements, but so far I think I'd prefer to try it on my own."

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Morris said, "Just when we were starting to make some gains coping with the ongoing suicide problem among our people, the federal government changed the funding formula for NODIN and severely reduced the agency's ability to provide adequate services." NODIN's staff was reduced by 13 positions. Funding was transferred to individual bands to establish long term mental health strategies and programs, but no transition time was provided for NODIN. NAN Chiefs had previously passed a resolution calling for a two-year transition period until the community programs could be put fully in place.

"We are not saying that we want to stop the funding going to the communities," Morris said. "What we are saying is that the federal government's funding formula fails to recognize that we have an ongoing suicide epidemic, and the communities are still calling on NODIN for emergency services. Because of the funding change, NODIN has fewer counsellors and mental health workers to assist with the suicide epidemic."

Up-to-date information on the number of suicides and suicide attempts has recently been released. The youth suicide rate in the 28 NAN First Nation communities in the Sioux Lookout area is not decreasing. Despite some improvements in community cohesion and inter-generational communications resulting from the NAN Youth Forum, actual and attempted suicides are increasing at an alarming rate. From January 1 to October 10, 1995 there were 271 recorded suicide attempts and 22 completed suicides, many of which took place in the last three months. NODIN has received crisis intervention requests on an average of 30 suicide attempts per month this year.

Deputy Grand Chief Morris and NODIN representatives have made an appeal to federal officials for funds to adequately respond to the epidemic. "We will wait for a positive response to our urgent request," Morris told the news conference. "If we do not receive a favourable reply, we will take our appeal directly to the federal Minister of Health, Diane Marleau. Our people are killing themselves. Despite government restraint, the federal government was able to find funds when one First Nation person died at Ipperwash. 65 of our people have died in the last two and a half years, with hundreds more at risk. The federal government should be able to find money for this, just as they did for the Ipperwash crisis."

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But along with this information comes a lot of confusion and many new questions about what to believe and which recommendations to follow. There are not always simple answers to these questions and here are a few ideas that women may find useful in their review of this information.

Common Myths

Women often say:

- "I can't get breast cancer because I am not from this country"
- "Only Caucasian women get breast cancer"
- "My traditional food will protect me from getting breast cancer"
- "I won't get breast cancer because my breasts are too small (or large)"
- "I won't get breast cancer because no one else in my family has had it."
- "I can't feel anything, my doctor can't feel anything, so it can't be cancer"
- "I am too old to get breast cancer. Only young women need to worry about getting it."

These statements are myths. All women are at risk for developing breast cancer with the risk gradually increasing as we age. Women over the age of 50 are at the highest risk.

Don't believe those myths.

The facts about breast cancer

"Breast cancer is a chronic potentially fatal disease. It can be of varying types and severity ranging from tiny changes that are found by mammography to large, easily felt tumours. A breast cancer can grow quite large without causing any pain or visible symptoms. We still do not know the cause of breast cancer."

Women over the age of 50 have a greater chance of developing breast cancer than younger women. Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Alberta excluding non-melanoma skin cancer.

The number of new cases of breast cancer diagnosed every year in Alberta has been steadily increasing for many years. The rate here is very similar to Canada as a whole, about 84 cases per 100,000 women.

This rate (called the incidence rate) is:

- highest in North America and North and North-western Europe;
- intermediate in Southern Europe and South America; and
- lowest in Asia and Africa.

However, in recent years, there has been a rapid increase in the incidence in breast cancer in Japan and other Asian countries as these countries become more Westernized.

Research shows that:

- Regardless of your cultural background, you are at risk for developing breast cancer;
- Regardless of the country you came from, once you are in Canada and live in North America, you are at a higher risk for developing breast cancer;
- Caucasian women are not the only women who

will develop breast cancer. Regardless of ethnic origin, women with a high socio-economic status are at a higher risk of developing breast cancer;

- Your traditional food will not protect you from breast cancer and your breast size will not protect you either;

- Most women who get breast cancer have no family history of breast cancer;

- If you ignore signs and symptoms of breast problems or breast cancer, the problems will not go away. They will only get worse and you may die from a disease that could have been cured if it had been treated early.

What can you do?

We do know that when you find breast cancer early, you have a better chance of a cure. Early detection of breast cancer can result in improved quality of life. There is a decreased risk of having a mastectomy and increased options for therapy.

Other than being a woman, AGE is the most important risk factor for breast cancer. Women under the age of thirty rarely get breast cancer. After this, the incidence of breast cancer increases with age. Women over the age of fifty are at particular risk and are ten times more likely to develop breast cancer than a thirty year old woman. If there is a family history, women also have a greater risk of developing breast cancer. Other risk factors are being studied, but there is some uncertainty that still exists to the part they play in the development of breast cancer.

Once women understand the dangers of breast cancer and their risks, it becomes important for them to learn how to protect themselves and fight the disease. Canada has three main recommendations or practices (A PERSONAL PLAN FOR BREAST HEALTH) that women can follow for a better chance of early detection and a cure.

Follow a personal plan for breast health:

First of all, it is important when a woman has her yearly medical checkup, that she has her breasts examined by either her doctor or a trained health professional.

Another important practice that all women are able to do in the privacy of their own homes is Breast Self Examination (BSE). This is a way of detecting breast cancer at an early, treatable stage by using the eyes and hands. Every woman should be doing breast self examinations. With BSE, a woman may find lumps or breast changes one to three years earlier than if she waits and the lump grows large enough to find by chance. By doing BSE and sparing ten to fifteen minutes a month, a woman may be able to save her breast and her life. Young women should learn how to practice BSE on a monthly basis and continue this practice throughout their lifetime. Any changes physically or visually that do not fit with your normal breast should be checked with a doctor.

The final health practice is screen mammography. Screening mammography is testing healthy populations of women for early breast cancer. A mammogram is a special x-ray that uses very small amounts of radiation to get a clear picture of the soft tissue of the breast. In Canada it is recommended that all women between the ages of 50 and 69 have a mammogram every two years. This is the high risk group where mammography has been proven to be effective in finding breast cancer at a very early stage, about 3 years before a woman can

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October is Breast Health Awareness Month. The Screen Test program will be hosting different activities throughout the month to increase women's awareness of breast health and breast cancer. Don't rely on myths to protect you from breast cancer. Remember, breast cancer affects all women, but women today have the best chance of beating it through early detection.

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FOCUS ON ARTISTS

Metis poets travel to Edmonton

by John Copley

Writing from *Identity* was the theme of a recent writers' workshop held by the University of Alberta School of Native Studies. The workshop was held in conjunction with the *Sense of Place Conference*, a two day affair that focussed on the subject of reevaluating regionalism in Canadian and American writing. The highlight of the weekend gathering were two Canadian Metis poets, Gregory Scofield and Joanne Arnott.

The two award winning, Manitoba-born writers, travelled from their Vancouver homes to recite a variety of prose poetry that was filled with meaning and message. Their work, at least in this instance, seemed to be designed more for an audience familiar with pain, suffering and sacrifice, but the passion and the skill used by the speakers to attain understanding, made for an interesting recital. And despite the fact that once again a quality event designed to enhance and promote talent in the Aboriginal community went sparsely attended, the two readers didn't seem to notice.

In her first attempt at publishing poetry, (*Wiles of Girlhood* 1991), Joanne Arnott scored a hit with her followers and with the Canadian League of Poets, who awarded her the Gerald Lampert (1991) Award for *Best First Book of Poetry*. Likewise for Gregory Scofield who, after releasing

The Gathering: Stones for the Medicine Wheel (1993), was awarded the B.C. Book Award's Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize.

Arnott is a 35 year old Metis woman who writes from the heart as she expresses the sorrows and pains of her childhood which was fraught with indecision, uncertainty and lies. She opens herself up and lets her wounds penetrate the hearts of the (readers)

listeners, thus finding what seems to be peace of mind. She tells the story of bigotry from a child's view and lets the audience see the pain that she once felt, but overcame because of her willingness to understand, if not condone, the misguided actions of others. Overcoming denial and finally ready to explore the new frontiers of penmanship, Arnott, like travelling partner Scofield, is readying herself for the release of second publication, *My Grass Cradle*, expected to be released this winter.

Gregory Scofield's first publication opened with a Cree language poem that clearly established the writer's identity with his culture. Whether listening to his recital or reading through his lines of written work, one gets the message that Scofield, though determined to carry a message and make a point, sometimes loses focus and seems to include himself in the past. Some of his poems are tough and gutsy while others seem to escape to another dimension, alluding the audience by the inconsistent or unexpected turn of events. All Scofield lacks is experience and once he's achieved a little more life as a writer his strength and insight should take him to the top of the literary ladder.

Scofield, like Arnott, writes from memories and perhaps without the disadvantage of being treated so badly, his words, like hers, may never have been written. The result is that Scofield writes to be heard. He wants the audience to understand who he was, who he is and who he intends to be. His words will encourage the weak to overcome and they will cause the strong to pause for thought. Scofield is searching for his



identity and while doing so he takes the audience on a trip to the world of poverty, misunderstanding and despair. Readers should look forward to Scofield continuing his poetic venture. He has much to say and at the same time, much to learn.

Both poets write from multiple perspectives as they give their observations of life to the hearts and minds of their readers. So far they have both chosen to try enriching the future by sharing their past. They both explore today's problems (sexuality, spirituality, race and racism) and equal them with erroneous paths taken in the past. They share an understanding of life that is usually reserved for those with more experience: to draw from, but they do it in a different way. They both open themselves up and let the audience know that what they say does come from experience and from harsh lessons that they should never have learned in the first place.

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MUSIC REVIEW

MESSAGE

by Wapistan (Lawrence Martin)
Produced by Chad Irshick
Wap's Reel and Stuck in the Mud
produced by J. Stewart
Distributed by First Nations Music Inc

Review by John Copley

Two months ago Wapistan's (Lawrence Martin) single, *Mushkego Cree*, was released, and now the album from which it was plucked, *Message*, is on sale for all to enjoy.

Martin has a unique blend of personal talents. He's an educator, spokesman, musician and songwriter. His years of involvement in communications, combined with his varied life experiences, help to give Wapistan's music an air of believability that is sure to spark the interest of his listeners. His meaningful lyrics combine with the album's free-flowing instrumentals and the result is a product that gives its listeners some of the most thought provoking visions I've heard in recent memory.

Realistic messages fill this album. And those messages reflect a life full of prosperity, optimism and hope. Much of Wapistan's music comes from experience, either personal or from people who have been inspired to share their stories with him. The first song on the album, *Born Again Pagan* deals with the story of a woman who sought to find herself and her identity in the sweat lodges and pow wow ceremonies that had alluded her earlier in life. A former residential school student, Sarah felt lost when she returned home to her people. While searching for her identity in the traditional way, she was dubbed a "Born Again Pagan" by her friends - a name that Wapistan kept for his song.

Ashai is another song that gives listeners an example of personal experiences creating just the right mood and message for good music. This is a song about the northern way of life. Its well-rounded lyrics give special meaning to the seasons. Sounds of the drum, accompanied by the movement of dancing feet, can be envisioned as the Anishinabaks dance and rejoice and come alive with the spirits of their ancestors. Elders tell



their stories while drums sound out their cultural messages. This song inspires happiness as it celebrates Mother Earth.

Stuck In The Mud is a tribute to the small community of Sandy Lake, Ontario. Rain in this area of the country makes for slick, muddy roads and once again a personal experience brings *Message* to life. Inspired by the stormy weather conditions, Wapistan turns a negative into a positive in this tune, which is a highlight on the 12-cut album. A gig at the local Muddy Water Music Festival had Wapistan and friends up to their knees in mud.

"We got a good jolt of reality on the reserve where only a privileged few get running water. The common people remain...stuck in the mud," says Martin.

Turtle Island is a song about North America. The title for this track is the original name of the continent given by the indigenous peoples of this land. It is a song that tells a story of what Turtle Island means to its people. It's a song that bears witness to decades of ill treatment and broken promises. It's a story of hope, of the urgency for healing and for understanding. The song asks whether or not there is time to stop another generation from eternal wandering in a world void of hope.

The themes of the songs are varied. Some are serious while others are hilarious. *Bey Chi Ghi Wey (Come on Home)* is a love song that takes a different route. Written by Wapistan and friend Vern Cheechoo as they sat waiting for their AirCreeBEC flight home to wives they hadn't seen for awhile, *Bey Chi Ghi Wey* was inspired because of the longing they felt when away from their families for awhile.

Message provides just what its title promises. And the one message that rings clear is that Wapistan is destined to become a household name.

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ABORIGINAL PEOPLES AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN CANADA

by Claudia Notzke
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Review by John Copley

Aboriginal Peoples and Natural Resources in Canada, is the most recent title in a series of books on Aboriginal issues published by York University's Captus Press Inc. The manuscript is thorough in its effort to educate due to the diligent and relentless research, as well as the outstanding writing skills, of its author, Claudia Notzke.

For a book that "started out rather inconspicuously", Notzke's eventual concerted efforts and obvious talent for rooting out and interpreting the facts, have transformed this 337 page manuscript into something that every student of Native history must have if they are ever to achieve an understanding of the many and varied issues that pertain to Canada's natural resources, as they relate to the indigenous peoples of the land.

While participating in some research work for Doug Elias, author of the earlier published, *Development of Aboriginal Peoples' Communities*, Notzke realized that the immensity of the work would require further study and perhaps even another book. She embarked on a two year voyage that would take her not only through thousands of pages of written material, but also to the lands and homes of the indigenous people she was studying. She travelled to southern Alberta's Peigan Nation then to B.C. where she involved herself with the Haida Gwaii. Further travel took her to the Northwest Territories where she met with members of government as well as with local tribal and community leaders.

Inuvik, Yellowknife, Iqaluit, and Tuktoyuktuk are just a few of the many places Notzke visited while doing the research for her book. And that research was to eventually pay off for Notzke and her publishers. After a two year period of extensive investigation and preliminary writing, Notzke prepared a document that ensures a better understanding of the nation's resources and how they affect the indigenous people who live in, on and around their domain.

Notzke begins to weave her magic from the first chapter, "Native Perspectives on Natural Resource Management", as she takes her readers down a planned path where the eventual and ultimate aim is to see that her audience comes away with a better understanding of the many intricate issues that involve, and in some cases revolve around Canada's Aboriginal people.

The ten chapters are well defined and each section of the book leads into the next. Well planned and technically neat, *Aboriginal Peoples and Natural Resources in Canada* is a must read for all Aboriginal people who are involved in the management of natural resources. It's also prerequisite reading for anyone wishing to digest the facts regarding Aboriginal rights to natural resources in Canada.

The book not only looks at the historical perspective of Canada's natural resources and their distribution, but considers political, cultural, legal and geographical factors as well. Social and environmental concerns are addressed with equal



tenacity as Notzke writes and relays the message for all to understand.

Warning: the reading is made easy by Notzke's talent for telling a good tale and the occasional graphic can easily be understood, but the complicated subject matter will require a keen ear and a perceptive mind.

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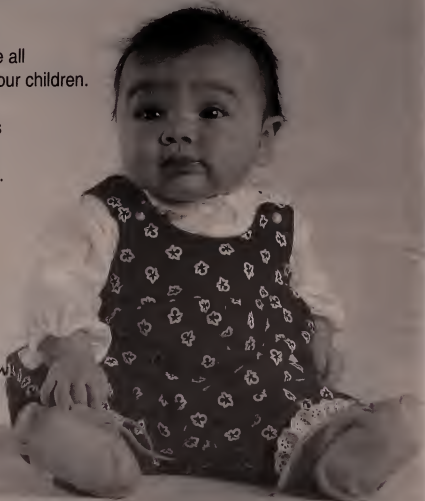
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